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## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following redlined paragraph:

The present application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/228,956, filed August 28, 2000 and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/484,593, filed June 7, 1995, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,387,650.